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Dear Colleague,

This past month, both the Medical Advisory Committee and the EMS Council passed resolutions requesting that EMS Medical Directors and Administrators should make specific efforts to ensure that all partners (hospitals, Mobile Intensive Care Units, emergency medical service organizations, first responders, EMS educators, and the Office of Emergency Medical Services) are informed about any significant clinical or operational changes that are under consideration in advanced of that change.

There have been recent events when front-line staff had not been informed of a clinical policy change of another organization, which led to a potential conflict. While nobody wants these situations to occur, and we are confident that is was an oversight, we do want to remind everybody that we work within an Emergency Medical Service System which works better when information flows freely and all parties work smoothly together for the benefit of the patient.

Warmest Regards,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Scot Phelps'.

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